

Champion Trees of Missouri

For 50 years, the Missouri Department of Conservation has been tracking Missouri's biggest known trees. Over 130 species make up the Missouri Champion Tree Program, ranging from the relatively petite downy hawthorn to the massive bur oak. These champion trees are some of the most impressive examples of their species that Missouri has to offer. If you want to see a champion tree up close, the following 38 champion trees are on public property.



Figure 1. Common Alder. Holly Ridge Conservation Area, Stoddard County.



Figure 2. Blue Ash. Sturgeon City Park, Boone County.



Figure 3. Pumpkin Ash. Big Oak Tree State Park, Mississippi County.



Figure 4. Bigtooth Aspen. Tower Grove Park, St. Louis City.



Figure 5. Quaking Aspen. Union Ridge Conservation Area, Sullivan County.



Figure 6. White Basswood. Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis City.



Figure 7. American Beech. Old St. Vincent's Seminary, Cape Girardeau County.



Figure 8. River Birch. Coon Island Conservation Area, Butler County.



Figure 9. Blackhaw. University of Missouri-Columbia, Boone County.



Figure 10. Red Buckeye. Forest Park, St. Louis City.



Figure 11. Butternut. Woodson K. Woods Conservation Area, Phelps County.



Figure 12. Bur Oak. McBaine, Boone County.



Figure 13. Swamp Cottonwood. Ben Cash Memorial Conservation Area, Dunklin County.



Figure 14. Cedar Elm. Coon Island Conservation Area, Butler County.



Figure 15. Downy Hawthorn. Rockwoods Reservation Conservation Area, St. Louis County.



Figure 16. Shellbark Hickory. US Army Corps of Engineers, Wayne County.



Figure 17. Water Hickory. Coon Island Conservation Area Butler County.



Figure 18. Red Maple. Woodson K. Woods Conservation Area, Phelps County.



Figure 19. Sugar Maple. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lake Wappapello, Wayne County.



Figure 20. Red Mulberry. Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis City.



Figure 21. Cherrybark Oak. Scott City Park, Scott County.



Figure 22. Northern Red Oak. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lake Wappapello, Wayne County.



Figure 23. Nuttall Oak. Ben Cash Memorial Conservation Area, Dunklin County.



Figure 24. Pin Oak. River Round Conservation Area, Franklin County.



Figure 8. Shingle Oak. Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis City.



Figure 26. Swamp Chestnut Oak. Wilhelmina Conservation Area, Dunklin County.



Figure 27. Swamp White Oak. Kirksville Rotary Park, Adair County.



Figure 28. Pawpaw. Mark Twain National Forest, Howell County.



Figure 29. Pecan. Butler Hill Road, St. Louis County.



Figure 30. Persimmon. Big Oak Tree State Park, Mississippi County.



Figure 31. Shortleaf Pine. Blackwell Cemetery, Dent County.



Figure 32. Planertree. Coon Island Conservation Area, Butler County.



Figure 33. Hortulan Plum. Columbia East Port Park, Boone County.



Figure 34. Swamp Privet. Tower Grove Park, St. Louis City.



Figure 35. *Sassafras*. South Park, Monett, Barry County.



Figure 36. Smoketree. Vaile Mansion, Independence, Jackson County.



Figure 37. Sweetgum. Big Oak Tree State Park, Mississippi County.



Figure 38. Water Tupelo. Allred Lake Conservation Area, Butler County.



Figure 39. Black Walnut. Hazelwood Cemetery, Springfield, Greene County.